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LITTLE BREEZE IN CO. COURT

G. B. TAYLOR AND R. F.
BOYD IN CLASH.

Contending for Control of School.

GRAVE CHARGES MADE AGAINST REV. TAYLOR—COURT VOTES IN HIS FAVOR, HOWEVER—DR. BOYD MENTIONED TO SUCCEED MR. NAPIER AS TREASURER OF THE COUNTRY APPROPRIATION—WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE ITEMIZED REPORT—REV. TAYLOR AND DR. BOYD MAKE STATEMENTS.

In the Davidson County Court last Monday quite a little breeze was created over the matter of electing a treasurer of the fund appropriated by the County Court for the maintenance of the reform school for the Negro youth of the county. It seems that matters took quite a change when the Committee rendered a report.

The Committee on the Colored Reform Industrial School appropriation, through Squire Cheek, recommended that the court continue the appropriation to the school as heretofore made, and also that Dr. R. F. Boyd be named as Secretary and Treasurer to succeed J. C. Napier, who has gone to Washington to take up his duties as Register of the Treasury. The report showed 14 girls and 22 boys in the colored school. The report also provides that Dr. Boyd shall make an itemized report of the expenditure of the appropriation.

Squire Campbell raised the point that the court had no authority to make an appropriation to any school or other organization unless such school or other organization has a regular Board of Directors. Judge Pollard said he understood that when G. B. Taylor made application for an appropriation he had been told by Mr. Taylor that the school had been regularly organized.

Dr. R. F. Boyd said he understood the school was legally organized, and while he had never served in an official capacity, incidentally he referred to the fact that he had probably given more to the institution than the court. He said he was deeply interested in making good citizens of his people. He said that he owned the farm—the old Bill Singer place—on which the school was located, and while he hadn't received any rent for the past three years, he hadn't complained much, as he knew the need of such a school for his people. He thanked the court for past appropriations and hoped the court would continue so to do.

Squire Harwood said he visited the school on one occasion and the meat that was fed the children he wouldn't want a dog of his to eat. He said Taylor was not the proper person to be in charge.

Squire Cage said he had visited the school and that conditions were not sanitary by any means, but that the place has since been cleaned up.

Squire Hasslock said the appropriation was not for Taylor, but for this school, and if Taylor was not the proper man then he should be discharged. He said he had confidence in Dr. Boyd and believed, that if the appropriation was made the wrongs would be righted, and he favored its continuance.

Squire Cochran said the reason conditions were so objectionable at New Providence was due to the fact that there was no adequate appropriation for its maintenance.

Dr. B. G. Tucker, County Health Officer, said he had visited the institution at the request of Squire Cage and had found in a clean condition and the food wholesome and sufficient, the inmates with new clothes and shoes and the bedding new and clean.

Rev. Taylor when seen by a Globe representative talked freely about the matter. He stated that he objected to the turn matters took in the

County Court, because it was his understanding that just the reverse was to have been the case. He said Dr. Boyd had not kept faith with him which caused him to feel very aggrieved against Dr. Boyd.

The statement of Rev. Taylor is not borne out by Dr. Boyd. He said in substance that members of the County Court had requested him to accept the position, and that he talked it over with Rev. Taylor and assured him that if he could do him any good he would be glad to do so and he expressed surprise that Rev. Taylor should oppose him for treasurer.

The report of the committee was received and filed and the appropriation of \$75 per quarter, as formerly, was made. The roll call showed 33 for and 7 against.

A resolution was adopted providing for the issuance of \$60,000 bonds authorized in January, and \$20,000 authorized in January, and \$20,000 authorized at the special session in February for the Colored State Normal School as one series.

JOHN S. TROWER DEAD.

Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.—After an illness which covered a period of about two years, during which time he was not altogether disabled, but complaining mostly, John S. Trower, the wealthiest Negro in Pennsylvania and probably one of the wealthiest in the United States, passed away at his home, 5607 Main street this morning.

The most notable thing in his life was his great devotion to his church and Sunday-school. He was regarded as the backbone of the Cherry



JOHN S. TROWER.

Street Memorial Baptist Church, Church, which is said to be the oldest free Baptist congregation in the United States.

As a caterer he has served more notable dinners and parties than any other man in the United States. He prepared and served luncheons for more than fifty United States war vessels. It is said that one occasion he received \$10,000 for a luncheon served.

It is reported that he is worth over \$1,500,000. He leaves a wife and five children. It was not known to-day just what arrangements would be made for his funeral, or when it would take place.

BISHOP TYREE PRESENTED A NEW SADDLE BY TEXAS FRIENDS.

Bishop Tyree was the recipient of a Texas saddle from his admirers in the Lone Star State. The saddle is now on exhibition in Mr. Richard Hill's office and is being exhibited to all who call. It is of rare excellency in design and workmanship.

The Bishop is now in Texas planning for the educational rally in the interest of Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas. This will be his last spring rally before the General Conference in 1912, and he goes to make a heroic struggle to clear the school of debt.

NEGRO RECRUITS.

Wanted by Government to Fill Regiment To Full War Strength. Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—The Twenty-fourth Infantry Regiment, Negroes, is to be recruited to full war strength before sailing for the Philippines some time next month. Instructions were received at the local recruiting station to-day from the War Department to make every effort to obtain recruits for this regiment.

LEAD IMPRESSION FISK PRESIDENT

COL. MIDNIGHT NOT TO
GO THERE AGAIN

During Present Management.

PRESIDENT GATES NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE GENIAL COLONEL—BIDS HIM STEP AROUND AND HE THINKS IT BEST TO DO SO—AN INVITATION THAT DID NOT MEAN ANYTHING—GOES TO SEE OTHER SCHOOLS AND MEETS WITH DIFFERENT TREATMENT—CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

(Afro-American Ledger, April 1, '11.)

Nashville, Tenn.—"Well, what do you want? What can I do for you?" These were the words of President Gates, of Fisk University, when I entered his office Friday about noon to visit the university and they almost took my breath, and when I had gotten to myself I replied: "I just want to see the school."

"What is your name? Do you live here?"

After assuring him that I was a visitor from afar and telling him my name, then he said:

"I have no time to talk to you. Sit down and go into the chapel. Take the things out of your pocket and leave them in my office, because you will have to return here for your hat."

I had in my pocket Henry Allen Boyd's driving gloves and a copy of the Afro-American Ledger, and as the command came from a white man I had only to obey and put them out, and went into chapel and took my seat until it was all over, and then when I went to the office for my hat and pocket things he invited me to have dinner and called Miss Walker, a large white woman, the teacher of domestic science, and requested her to escort me over to the dining hall and tell them that I was his special guest for dinner. Although I had declined the invitation, he told her to do this and I had nothing to do but to go over.

In my lifetime I have visited many schools with white presidents, yellow presidents, brown presidents, black presidents, but I have never been thus treated by one of them. I am not up on college etiquette and do not know whether or not this was the proper thing to do, but I do know I obeyed his command because he was a white man, and my duty is to obey them wherever I see them; but if it had been a colored president of a college who had thus addressed me I would have said that he was uncouth, impolite and I hardly know what else I should have said, but since it was a white man I can only say he was right.

If it had been a colored president, I would have said that every man was entitled to a respectable hearing and even though busy, he could have time enough to say to a visitor he seated and ask to be excused because of the rush of business. But he could not do this because he was president of a big college, and could see only the little lump of smoke come

More Contributions to the Relief Fund.

Previously reported \$527.62
To Nashville Banner 10.00
Mrs. J. B. Lukie 2.00
\$539.62

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION.

The Order of the Eastern Star Chapters will celebrate Palm Sunday in the Masonic Hall, Napier Court, Palm Sunday, April 9, 1911, at 3 o'clock p. m. Short talks will be given by Revs. W. S. Ellington and Preston Taylor and Mrs. A. P. Woods. You are cordially invited.

into his office and thought—what he thought—and, as I could not read minds, he could keep his thoughts to himself and I could only get what he expressed in words and had to take it.

Well, I was an idle somebody, had nothing to do but to visit Fisk and could not expect a big, educated man to take up time with me. I tell you when I get to be an educated man I am going to make things go myself, and until then I have made up my mind to go to but few schools with white presidents. I shall not go to Fisk University again soon, and I am sure that you will not blame me.

This is one of the great schools in the country for the training of our people, and I am glad indeed to say that I know many people who have graduated from the school and they love it dearly, and I am not going to hold the school responsible for the president not having time to give to an old hayseed. He is but a man and a big man at that. At New York, when I met him last summer, he invited me to visit the institution and (Continued on Page 4.)

AUSTIN W. WILLIAMS DIES IN MEMPHIS.

Sir Austin W. Williams, 33rd degree, Deputy Inspector General of the Valley of Tennessee, Scottish Rite Masons, died in Memphis, Tenn., at home on Sunday morning, April 2, 1911. His death was not utterly unexpected, as he has been confined since December 12, 1910, suffering with an uncontrollable complaint. A third operation was performed with the hope of saving his life, and all of these within the time of his confinement in December and the time of his final summons.

He leaves a most patient wife, who was Miss Julia A. Jones, of this city, daughter of the late Lyt. Jones, Mrs. Julia Williams, with a daughter by his first wife, Miss Austin's Williams, were faithful attendants at his bedside until death.

Sir Williams was fully the most prominent secret society man in Tennessee. In Masonry he had held the highest office for twenty years, being at the time of death Supreme Minister of the State, of the Supreme



AUSTIN W. WILLIAMS.

Council of the jurisdiction of the United States and Canada; this office is the second place of the 33rd and last degree and is only outranked by the Sovereign Commander, Milton F. Fields, of St. Louis, Mo.

Sir Williams served in Tennessee as Grand Commander of Knight Templars for five terms. He served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons three terms, was Deputy Grand Master two terms, Grand Secretary four terms and at his death Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, the most important standing committee, having to deal with all the forty-two jurisdictions outside of Tennessee.

In Odd Fellowship he has served in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee about nine years, being a grand officer four years of that time. He has been active in the Past Grand Masters' Council and Patriarchate.

ELECTED PRESIDENT THE NINTH SUCCESSIVE TIME.

On Monday Benevolent Society No. 81 held their annual installation. The hall was crowded with members and friends to witness the ceremony. The unique feature of the installation was that for the ninth successive time M. A. W. Williams was honored by the members of his order.

SHOT BY DEPUTY SHERIFF

MARSHALL FRIERSON
LOSES HIS LIFE

Only Offense was of
Crab Shooting.

C. E. AUSTIN GETS HANDY WITH HIS PISTOL—TAKES LAW IN HIS OWN TANDS—KILLS MAN WHO HAD DONE NOTHING TO WARRANT IT—ALLEGATION OF SELF-DEFENSES GROUNDLESS—SHOT MAN IN BACK—BALL ENTERS AT WAIST AND COMES OUT UNDER COLLAR BONE—NO PROSECUTION SO FAR.

Marshal Frierson was shot and killed Sunday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff C. E. Austin. It is alleged that Frierson together with others, was engaged in a game of craps when surprised by the officers. Marshal it appears broke for liberty, but did not succeed in getting out of reach of the officers handy revolver and received a bullet in his back, which went clear through his body and came out at the right clavicle. In a report in one of the daily papers, it was said that Frierson threw bucks at the officers. This is denied by those in position to know who says that Frierson was shot while running. An autopsy was held and it was conclusively shown that Frierson was shot behind.

All who know the dead man assert that he was a peaceable, quiet and hardworking man, having been employed by the Federal Phosphate Company for the past nine years. So far as the Globe has been advised no steps have been taken for the arrest of the offending sheriff. When the dead body of Frierson was examined no weapon of any kind was found.

The rumor that Frierson resisted arrest is not borne out by the examination of the body of the dead man. The ball entered the back just above the waist and passed through the liver and the lungs and came out just below the collar bone, which will show that the man must have been running at great speed, and in a stooped position. He had committed no crime, the only offense against him being crab shooting. He bares the reputation of being inoffensive. His mother and wife testified to a Globe representative that he was never known to fight anybody, and the nature of the wound that proved fatal bares out their statement, for the only way the ball could have entered where it did and come out where it did would be at angle and another that set at naught entirely the charge that Frierson was resisting is the fact that he was shot in back.

No steps have as yet been taken toward the prosecution of Austin and it could not be learned what the result

BENEFIT CONCERT A SUCCESS.

The benefit concert given by the Girls' Glee Club of Pearl High School, at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, April 5, was a success from every standpoint. The auditorium of the church was filled to its utmost capacity with friends interested in the worthy cause for which the concert was given.

This was the first effort on the part of these young ladies in an endeavor to do something towards sending one of their number to college after the High School course will have been finished, and the signal success of their first appearance before the public is encouraging to them and furnishes an incentive for greater efforts in the future.

To Principal F. G. Smith and Miss Eva N. Murrell, the instructor, is due much credit for the success of the evening's entertainment, as they have given timely suggestions and helped in a material way to bring about the desired end.